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Holotype: Example of undetermined sex, Hoa-Binh, Tonkin (from the collection of Melchior de Lisle); at present in possession of the writer, to be incorporated eventually in the Benesh Collection in the Chicago Natural History Museum.

Received in a small lot of undetermined insects from Monsieur M. de Lisle, director of public works, Douala, French Cameroon. The new species is gratefully dedicated to the donor, who, very generously, permitted the retention of the type by the writer.

AGABUS VANCOUVERENSIS IN ALASKA

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The published records of this species (H. B. Leech, Canadian Ent., vol. 77, p. 77, 1945) show the distribution limited largely to southern British Columbia, Vancouver Island, and Mt. Baker, Washington. A specimen from Mt. Rainier, Wash., in the collection of Dr. M. H. Hatch extends its range considerably to the south while its northern distribution is extended greatly by the following Alaskan material in my collection: Deer Mtn. nr. Ketchikan, July 23, 1952, elev. 2000-3000 feet; and 1 specimen from Knight Island, Prince William Sound, August 1952, elev. 1500-2000 feet (H. Shippen). There is an interesting feature concerning its ecological preference. Leech reports it as being partial to the pools formed by melting snow. The Deer Mtn. series (over 200 specimens) I collected in just such situation, and Mr. Herbert S. Shippen, who collected the Knight Island material, tells me that he found them in an analogous situation. While other records are all from about 4000 feet and above, the Alaskan records come from much lower elevation, which shows that the beetle follows the climatic conditions quite closely.